(iii) Intensifying patrolling on the border/creek area on vehicles, horse, camel and boats;

(iv) Construction and manning of more numbers of OP Towers;

(v) Use of modern gadgets and Night Vision Devices to check infiltration;

(vi) Proposed construction/erection of border securing fencing, flood light and border road in the stretch of Rann area adjoining Barmer distt. in Rajasthan for better domination and effective check or crossing by miscreants, smugglers and militants;

(vii) Upgradation of Intelligence network.

(viii) Conduct of frequent co-ordination meeting with locals.

Quantity of RDX seized

1144. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 43.000 kg. of RDX has been seized over the years in the country which could lead to unprecedented destruction;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and quantity-wise for the last three years, till date;

(c) whether Government propose to award the most stringent punishment to those found in possession of RDX, as reported in the Economic Times, dated 17th November, 1998; and

(d) if so, by when such a legislation is likely to be brought before Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) The quantity of explosives, including RDX, recovered in the country over the years is over 43,000 Kgs. A statement indicating the explosives recovered during the years 1996, 1997 and 1998 is enclosed (See below).

(c) and (d) The Explosive Substances (Amendment) Bill, 1998 provides, *inter alia,* that any person who unlawfully and maliciously causes by any special category explosive substance an explosion of a nature likely to endanger life or to cause serious injury to property shall, whether any injury to person or property has been actually caused or not, be punished with death, or imprisonment for life, and shall also be liable to fine. The Bill has been introduced in the Lok Sabha on 8.12.1998

Statement

QUANTITY OF RDX SEIZED

Explosives recovered during the years 1996, 1997 and 1998 (till date)

State	1996		1997		1998	
	RDX (Kgs.)	Other explosives (Kgs.)	RDX (Kgs.)	Other explosives (Kgs.)	RDX (Kgs.)	Other explosives (Kgs.)
Gujarat	4	—	—	—	—	—
Jammu &	—	3701	—	4877	—	5101
Maharashtra	—	9	—	—	—	2401(Gel)
Punjab	363	—	184	—	120	8(Gel)
Rajasthan	63	—	15	—	157	4
Tamilnadu	—	500	—	500	----	7018(Gel) 815

(Other Explosives in J&K include RDX—break-up not available)